National Commission for Youth

5258. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Commission for youth was initially set up for six months;

(b) if so, the reasons which prompted Government to grant extension;

(c) the composition of the Commission and its functions;

(d) whether the Commission has submitted any interim report; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons for extending the tenure of the Commission for one more year were as under :—

(i) The Commission was set up *vide* Resolution dated 15.3.02. However, it could start functioning only *w.e.f.* July 2002 on account of logistics constraints, such as, accommodation and appointment of a nucleus of staff.

(ii) A full-time Member-Secretary joined the Commission on the 27th June, 2002 only.

(iii) Except for one, who was Delhi- based, all members (four) had been working from outside Delhi, initially.

(iv) The work of the Commission involves collection and compilation of voluminous information/data, consultation and study, meetings with various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, State Governments, Youth Organisations and NGOs. More time was needed to complete the above tasks.

(c) A copy each of the composition and terms of reference of the Commission is attached as Statement-I and Statement-II respectively *(See below).*

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The Commission is presently not considering submission of any interim report.

Statement-I

Composition of National Commission for Youth

CHAIRMAN	Sh. Balbir Punj, MP (Rajya Sabha) (accorded the status of Minister of State)	
FULL-TIME MEMBERS	1.	Shri Yogesh Shukla
	2.	Shri Su. Srinivasan
	3.	Shri Kulendra Daulagupu
	4.	Ms. Maneesha Upendra Kothekar
PART-TIME MEMBER		Dr. Dinesh Sharma
MEMBERSECRETARY		Shri Anurag Bhatnagar

Statement-II

Terms of Reference of the National Commission for Youth

(i) To construct and recommend an action-oriented strategy and approach for the development of youth and suggest new policy measures and programmes, which are multi-dimensional and cross-cutting, after an in-depth analysis of the problems faced by them, with particular reference to the problem of youth employment suggesting measures to identify, encourage and build up the capacity of talented youth in the North-Easter.^ region.

(ii) To review existing youth-related schemes and programmes implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports as well as by other Ministries/Departments of the Government of India with particular reference to their potential for employment generation and to recommend measures to make them more effective and increase their outreach and coverage in line with Government thinking to cover the entire Youth population with one or the other Youth Programmes such asNCC,TA,NSS.

(iii) To conceptualise a frame-work for coordination of youth-related activities of State Government, Ministries/Departments of Government of India, NGOs and the private sector and to recommend measures for convergence.

(iv) To look into the recommendations of the Working Group on Adolescents set up by the Planning Commission and suggest specific intervention strategies for catering to needs of this group.

(v) To suggest measures for the implementation of the Plan of Action of the new National Youth Policy.

(vi) While framing its recommendations, the Commission shall be guided by a realistic assessment of the resources that can be made available by the Government.

Allocations for promotion of youth affairs and sports

5259. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation for promotion of youth affairs and sports, year-wise and State-wise, since 1st April, 1999 to 20th February, 2003; and

(b) the allocation for promotion of such activities in Jammu and Kashmir for the same period, scheme-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRIVIKRAM VERMA): (a) and (b) The budget allocations for promotion of youth affairs and sports under various schemes of the Ministry for the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001,2001-2002 and 2002-2003 are as given in the Statement *(See below).* No State-wise allocation is made under these schemes.

Statement

Scheme-wise budget allocations for promotion of Youth Affairs and Sports

(Rs.in lakhs)

SI. No	Name of the Scheme	Budget Estimates 1999-2000	
		Plan	Non-Plan
1	2	3	4
A.	Youth Welfare Schemes		
1.	National Service Scheme	2450	500
2	Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan	1985	1400
3.	Assistance to Voluntary Organisation	144	—
4.	Promotion of Adventure Activities	150	—
5.	Establishment and Development of Mountaineering Institutes	30	10
6.	Scouting and Guiding	96	—
7.	National Service Volunteer Scheme	1800	—